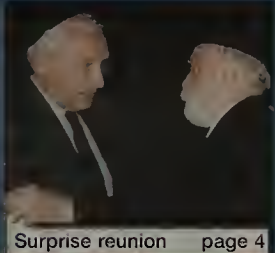


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Hyman Soloway • 1913-2004

'A giant within our community'

By Barry Fishman

On Tisha B'Av, the saddest day in the Jewish calendar, a well-respected and beloved leader of the Jewish community was buried. Hyman (Hy) Soloway, lawyer, entrepreneur, loving husband and father, philanthropist to both the Jewish and Ottawa community and a man Rabbi Reuven Bulka described as "a giant within our community" was laid to rest on July 27.

Hy Soloway died of colon can-

cer. He was 90 years old.

Hundreds gathered, many of them standing outside, near the entrance to the overflowing Jewish Community Chapel on Cuba Avenue, to mourn, remember and pay tribute to the accomplishments of Hy Soloway.

Founding and senior partner in Soloway Wright, successful lawyer and business leader, past-president of the Vaad Ha'Ir; Jewish Community Centre; Beth Shalom Synagogue; and many other Jewish

institutions; leadership roles in the greater community, including the Civic Hospital, the Heart Institute and both universities, Hy Soloway was a born leader.

During his eulogy, son Lawrence movingly spoke about his father's early years, his leadership roles in the Jewish and general community and his private life as husband, father and grandfather.

Although his father seldom talked about his early years,

Lawrence remembered recently coming across an interview he gave to a university professor in 2000.

In the interview, Hy describes the pogroms in Ukraine and how he was forced to watch his mother being tortured.

"I still remember it. But you get accustomed to living in anything if you have to. At a young age it didn't affect me. Some overly sensitive children might have

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Hyman Soloway

Acclaimed speaker to headline UJA campaign kickoff

By Kinneret Globberman

Who is one of the most influential Jewish writers of our time, considered by *Talk* magazine to be one of the 50 best speakers in the United States? Who is a popular advice columnist, and is the inspiration behind a U.S. Senate resolution? Give up?

It's Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, and he's coming to Ottawa for the first time ever on September 8, 2004 to kick off the UJA 2005 campaign.

If Rabbi Telushkin had to describe the connecting thread through all his work, he'd probably use the word ethics, for that's exactly what the contemporary scholar of Judaism has written

about in all his best-selling non-fiction, fiction and TV scripts.

Biblical Literacy: The Most Important People, Events and Ideas of the Hebrew Bible was chosen as the 1997 Book-of-the-Month Club selection. His 1991 bestseller, *Jewish Literacy: The Most Important Things to Know About the Jewish Religion, Its People and Its History*, has sold more copies than any other book on Judaism in the past 20 years. *Words That Hurt, Words That Heal* prompted Senators Joseph Lieberman and Connie Mack to push for the 1996 Senatorial resolution to establish a "National Speak No Evil Day" throughout

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Camp Gan Israel campers visit to Hillel Lodge to help Harry Torontow celebrate his 101st birthday. For more on Camp Gan Israel, see page 12.

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Engaged!

Max and Cynthia Weinstein are pleased to announce the engagement of their son Joel Adam to Rosanne Brown, daughter of Jack and Merle Brown of Hamilton.

It's a girl!

Shelley (Samel) and Brian Weiner are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Jamie Page, born in Toronto on July 21, 2004. Ecstatic grandparents are Kelly and Morris Samel and Linda and Stephen Weiner. Very proud great grandmothers are Minerva Cohen, Paula Delatycki and Regina Samel.

Married!

Marjorie and Michael Feldman joyfully announce the marriage of their son Mark Jason Feldman to Allison Leigh Berry on June 27 in Hudson, Massachusetts. Allison is the daughter of Maura and Richard Berry of Natick, Massachusetts. Proud grandparents are Libbie Freedman of Boynton Beach, Florida; Max and Terri Feldman of Montreal, Quebec; Pearl and Irving Berry of Boca Raton, Florida; and Thelma and Henry Sobel of Mission Viejo, California.

For information on placing an announcement, call Margie Kardash 798-4696, ext. 256

Rabbi Telushkin: ethics core of Judaism

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the United States.

For Rabbi Telushkin ethics are at the core of Judaism's teachings.

"[People] have the odd impression that in Judaism, ethics is an extracurricular activity," he says in a phone interview from his home in New York. "It's something nice, but it's not important."

"The word religious is associated in most people's minds exclusively with ritual observance," he continues.

"If two Jews were speaking about a third and a question is raised, 'Is so-and-so religious?', the answer yes or no would be given based exclusively on the person's ritual observances: 'He keeps Shabbos, he keeps kosher, he is religious. He doesn't keep

Shabbos, he doesn't keep kosher, he's not.'

"The goal of almost all of my writing is to put the emphasis again on Judaism's ethical teachings," he adds. "I want to give people further content in their Jewishness."

The rabbi's focus on ethics originated from the letters he received following the publication of his book, *Jewish Literacy* (1991). Although the book was divided into 15 sections, the majority of questions asked of him were derived from two in particular: the section on the Bible, which led to his writing *Biblical Literacy* (1997); and the section on Jewish ethics, which led to books like *Words That Hurt*, *Words That Heal* (1996) and *The Book of Jewish Values: A Day-to-Day Guide to Eth-*

ical Living (2000). Even his fiction has ethical dilemmas as its themes.

"Years ago, I wrote a series of murder mysteries, with a rabbinic sleuth, which investigated ethical issues," Rabbi Telushkin says.

"One was called *The Final Analysis of Doctor Stark* about the murder of a gossiping psychiatrist and it dealt with *lashon harah* (evil tongue). Another was called *An Eye For An Eye* and it dealt with the question of whether vengeance can ever be justified."

What helps the rabbi greatly in his writing, he says, are the opportunities he has to try out his ideas in public before setting them in literary stone. He lectures widely, and has for over 30 years, and it's those encounters with his audience that enable him to bounce his ideas and flesh them out, and then develop them into books.

And it's the ideas in those books, he hopes, that will resonate with people.

"The biggest internal challenge to Judaism is an enthusiasm – why be Jewish? To find meaning in one's Judaism to guide one's life."

In between the book and script writing (for *The Practice* and *Touched By An Angel*) and the lecturing (to universities, congregations, Jewish organizations), Rabbi Telushkin also contributes an advice column to *Beliefnet.com* and is the spiritual leader, along with Rabbi David



Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

Woznica, of the Synagogue for the Performing Arts in Los Angeles.

He leads the congregation during the High Holy days and about five more Shabbats throughout the year. The congregation, which includes stars like

Kirk Douglas, meets once a month.

With a novel due in the Fall, the rabbi is currently working on another major long-term project: a three-volume code of Jewish ethics, with volume one scheduled for publication in two years' time.

The United Jewish Appeal is excited to have the eminent and dynamic rabbi as its featured guest.

He'll talk about *Securing a Jewish Future for You and Your Children*, 15 Jewish ethical teachings that can be incorporated into daily life, on Wednesday, September 8, 2004 at 7:00 pm in the SJCC's Social Hall.

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Volunteer Profile

Anna Lee Chiprout and Suzanne Sassoon

The 2005 UJA women's campaign co-chairs, Suzanne Sassoon and Anna Lee Chiprout, credit the extraordinary volunteerism of the late Gaby Sassoon as their motivation for becoming involved.

Years ago, Gaby helped Suzanne, his girlfriend at the time, who later became his wife, to slowly get involved in different community organizations, such as the Young Women's Leadership Council. This early involvement paved the way for later leadership roles by introducing Suzanne to the community and its leaders, while instilling in her the confidence to make a difference.

Years later, Gaby directly inspired Anna Lee to make a difference. "After Gaby, my very best friend for over 30 years, died of cancer, I knew the community was certain to feel an enormous loss without his contribution. I wanted to get involved and try to fill that void in my own way," says Anna Lee.

Suzanne and Anna Lee participated together in a UJA mission. Anna Lee speaks frankly about the mission, "It changed my life forever." Both women were deeply moved by the people they met and things they saw on the mission. They realized how important community involvement and the work of the UJA is to Ottawa and overseas.

Both women agree 'Building a Secure Jewish Future' means working today, as well as tomorrow for both our local and global community. As Anna Lee explains, "Without today, there won't be a tomorrow. We must look after our elderly for they paved the way for us. We must take care of our youth, for they are our hope and future."

Suzanne says, "I attended the



Suzanne Sassoon and Anna Lee Chiprout

UJA Women's Leadership Conference held in Ottawa in May of this year and heard a saying that spoke

volumes to me: 'You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.'

Agency profile

Hillel Academy: 55 years strong

Each year the building located at 31 Nadolny Sachs Private is home to over 400 students attending classes that range from junior kindergarten through to grade eight.

Hillel Academy, Ottawa's oldest Hebrew day school has, for the last 55 years, been in the business of educating Jewish children and is committed to the pursuit of academic excellence through a comprehensive program of secular and Judaic studies.

Hillel Academy is open to all segments of the Ottawa Jewish Community. It offers a tri-lingual curriculum that includes half-days in English and Hebrew plus a daily class in French.

The school attempts to accommodate the broadest spectrum of Jewish background and instills a sense of pride and identification with the Jewish people and Israel while fostering the development of personal growth, self-discipline, independence and responsibility.

Students are encouraged to be inquisitive, creative and to analyze, as they aspire to reach their fullest potential.

During one of his first visits to the school, Rabbi Boruch Perton, the school's Director of Education and resident expert in Jewish education admits, "I was in awe at the ruach of the school. Whether it was in observing classes in Science, Math, Chumash or Navi, or the children's activities during recess or lunch periods, the common denominator was that everyone was filled with an enthusiasm that was palpable."

Working with Rabbi Perton this upcoming year is the new incoming Vice Principal of General Studies, Wendy Waxman, a seasoned educator with more than 30 years experience.

Together they will strive to create an environment where students approach learning with confidence

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and enthusiasm, guided by Jewish traditions and values that serve as models for personal and moral development.

Mrs. Waxman feels that in order to "build a secure Jewish future" we must "provide our children with a sound Jewish and secular education, maintaining life long ties to the Ottawa Jewish Community and to Israel, and encouraging them to become productive members of society."

Each year, monies raised through the annual UJA campaign are allocated among beneficiary agencies and programs, which collectively constitute an integral part of the Jewish fabric within our community.

Your contribution to the 2005 UJA campaign is the foundation which ensures that Hillel Academy and other beneficiary agencies within the community will continue to build, thrive and sustain such high quality of services and programming.

Unexpected emotional reunion at Holocaust talk

By Dr. Andre and Shelly Engel
A dramatic and unexpected reunion of two childhood friends recently took place before a stunned audience of 150 people. They had gathered for an appearance by the noted Holocaust speaker, Maurice Katz, PhD, at an event sponsored

by the Kollel of Ottawa and the Ottawa Shoah Remembrance Committee.

While hearing of the murder of more than 6,000,000 men, women and children may be important, it is never easy. Still, no one was prepared for shock of what was about to take place.

Cantor Moshe Kraus, a prominent figure in the Ottawa Jewish community and a Holocaust survivor, rose to introduce Dr. Katz.

"When I heard who tonight's speaker was, I almost fainted," Cantor Kraus began. "I, too, was born in Uzhorod, now part of Ukraine, and I was a fre-

quent guest in the home of Dr. Katz' parents."

Suddenly, Dr. Katz jumped up and said "Don't tell me you are Moshele Kraus - we went to the same school!" As the two men embraced, many eyes in the stunned audience glistened with tears.

Two elderly men who had been childhood friends were finally reunited after more than 60 years! After a long, quiet moment, the crowd burst into applause.

Then, Dr. Katz began to speak. Through his eloquent words and dramatic illustrations, he described the increasing torment and persecution of the Jews, and how Kristallnacht presaged the wholesale murder of millions.

His voice trembled as he spoke of Jewish children being thrown into the Danube to drown, and how those who managed to somehow make it to shore were mown down by machine gun fire.

The audience was spell-



Cantor Moshe Kraus and Maurice Katz

bound as he told of the miracles that somehow allowed him to survive, the Righteous Gentiles who risked their lives to hide him, and the way he concealed his Jewish identity to evade

capture by the Nazis.

"Many were destined to die, but I was destined to live. And I vowed to tell the story of my people, so that others should never forget."

In spite of the horrors he

witnessed, Dr. Katz is a firm believer in a good and loving God. Through it all, he maintained his faith in the essential goodness of mankind. Pointing to his grandson, a member of the Kollel of Ottawa, as proof that the Jewish people will always survive, Dr. Katz implored the audience to remain true to their heritage, and to always seek the good in each and every person.

Dr. Harry Prizant concluded the evening by thanking the Kollel for bringing Dr. Katz to Ottawa, and by reminding the audience that they had witnessed a true hero, one of the remaining few still alive to bear witness to the single greatest tragedy ever to befall the Jewish people.

The Kollel of Ottawa, located at 1762 Carling Avenue, offers classes and individual study on Jewish topics on every level of interest. For more information, contact Rabbi Yonah A. Burr or Rabbi Binyomin Holland (729-4368).

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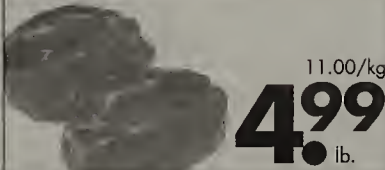
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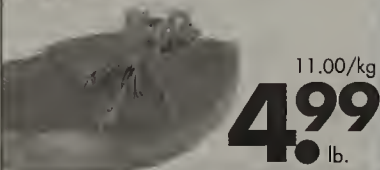
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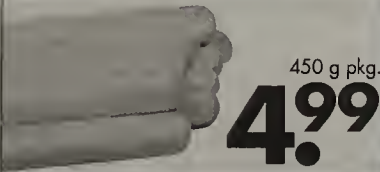


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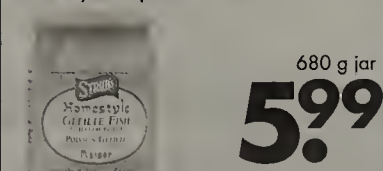


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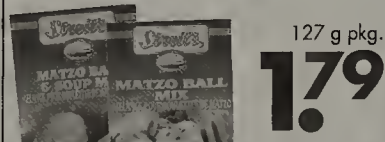


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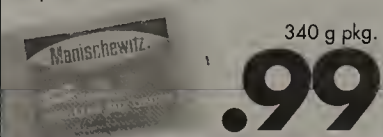


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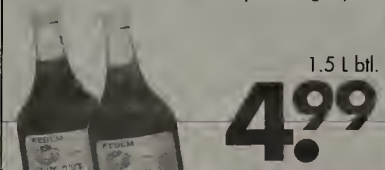


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We have had the good fortune of having in our midst, a remarkable family that has made an invaluable contribution to and lasting impression on our community.

Ambassador Divon and his wife Linda will be returning to Israel in September.

During their time in Ottawa, the Divons have, in every sense of the word, been true ambassadors for the State of Israel.

With Israel so often portrayed by the media in a less than flattering light, Ambassador Divon has managed to represent Israel in a different kind of light, one that not only illuminates Israel's politics, but also its art, culture, history and the beauty that is synonymous with the country.

He has represented the State of Israel in a way that has managed to bring Israel closer to Canada and to the entire community in Ottawa. Israel is fortunate to have had such worthy representation.

While in Ottawa, Ambassador Divon and his family have become involved in both Jewish and secular communal

events from donning running shoes for the solidarity walk at the 2004 Aviv Festival



VAAD Report

Arnie Vered
President

tival to participating in a promotional evening for Ottawa's Opera Lyra.

Whether engaging Ottawa's diplomatic community or members of Ottawa's Jewish community, or being on the receiving end of acknowledgements or tributes, such as at the recent Israeli Bond dinner, suffice-it-to-say, the Divons are promoters of "relationships."

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The fruits of their labour are apparent in the vast number of divergent relationships

ships they have built over the last four years in Ottawa, always with a view to bringing Israel closer to our community, and always, in my mind, succeeding immeasurably.

My family and I have been extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to get to know the Divons both personally and through my role as president of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa.

Our daughters participated together in the 2003 mission to Israel and were classmates at Ashbury College. As delegates from Ashbury they went to the 2004 Global Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. As a result of these experiences, they have become lifelong friends.

So it is with considerable appreciation and respect that I extend this community's sincere and heartfelt thanks to Ambassador Haim Divon, his wife Linda and their children, for their invaluable contribution to our community and for providing us with a precious window inside Israel.

Our community is a better place because of you. *Yasher Koach!*

Please note that the entire Jewish community of Ottawa is invited to attend a special farewell reception in honour of the Divon family on Thursday, August

26, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Social Hall of the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building. To RSVP, call 798-4696, ext. 464.

On behalf of the Ottawa Jewish community, I would also like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to two families that have each donated an ambulance to the Canadian Magen David Adom. Fern and Edward E. Cohen, in honour of Edward's 80th birthday, and Ethel (Anna) Slep Cza-jenzky in memory of her late husband Simcha Izek Czajenzky.

Both the State of Israel and the Jewish community of Ottawa are very thankful for this wonderful gift.

Emergency vehicles are unfortunately a necessity for Israelis and it is clear that the Jews of the Diaspora need to provide assistance to Israel in its time of need.

Their contribution to Magen David Adom is yet another indication of how we can assist our fellow brothers and sisters in Israel and reaffirms to me, my long-held understanding and belief about the generosity of our community and its continued support for and commitment to the State of Israel.

Many thanks for these meaningful and thoughtful gestures. Clearly together we can make a difference!

The spiritual centre of the universe

They look different, dress differently and pray in separate groups. Some wear long dark coats and others light short sleeve shirts. Different colours and shades can be seen from the *Talitot* (prayer shawls) they have on.

It is 5:50 am on a Monday morning at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, where hundreds of people are praying at the top of their voices, each in their own group (*minyan*). We were there too, a group from Ottawa visiting Israel on a UJA mission, praying in our own group.

As the sun rises over Jerusalem, the capital of the world, all the noise comes to a halt. We are all doing the same thing at the same time, praying the *Amidah* (silent recitation) connecting with God one-on-one in silence. There is a tradition to pray the *Amidah* exactly at sunrise, and we are doing just that on the holiest site on earth. Only the birds can be heard, but God is listening to each one of us as we concentrate and pray to him quietly.

In fact, even when we pray in the Diaspora, we pray towards Jerusalem, for our prayers have to go through the Temple mount to reach heaven. This is the portal between heaven and earth. This is the place that allows our souls to emerge and connect with God.

The split between heaven and earth,



From the pulpit

Rabbi Menachem
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spirituality and physicality is deep indeed. Yet, God left one door open between them, and the opening to that door is in the Promised Land. This is what makes this land holy. God left this door open so that the holiness of Israel would ultimately transform the rest of the world. Eretz Israel is the spiritual 'centre' of the universe. The sages tell us that Israel has ten levels of holiness, one greater than the next, with the highest point being Jerusalem, and within it the Temple Mount. Jacob called it "the gate to heaven" (Genesis 28:17).

While everyone is still focused, deep in prayer, it all becomes clear to me that this is the reason everyone gravitates to this land. Unconsciously, every nation, religion and individual senses that the Holy Land is the spiritual core of existence – the place where the doors open up to reach the Divine.

The collective unconscious of the universe is obsessed with Israel. Not with

China, land of two plus billion, not with India, not with Canada, a country many times younger than many walls in Jerusalem. The only place on earth, which continues to dominate headlines today, just as it did 3,500 years ago, is this small country called Israel!

In addition to our immediate support to Israel on every possible level, we must never forget that Israel is all about con-

necting us, materialistic human beings, with the spiritual. We need to realign our lives with the spiritual Israel within and without. Wherever we are – inside or outside Israel – we must battle the forces that separate man from the Divine. We must take our life and transform it into "Eretz Israel," a spiritual force that prevails over all. And we will prevail.

Am Israel Chai.

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been adversely affected, but I think I escaped."

Hy Soloway's great inner-strength and brilliant mind helped him succeed in Canada. In 1923, at the age of 10, along with his parents Louis and Anne Soloway, he joined his brother Harry in Ottawa.

Although he spoke no English, in four short years he went from kindergarten to winning an oratorical contest at Glebe Collegiate High School. He was to cherish the signature gold ring he won for winning the event for the rest of his life.

He won a scholarship and, along with friends Albert Rivers, Joe Greenblatt and Lorne Green, headed off to study at Queen's University in Kingston. Although his mother wanted him to be a doctor and gave him a brand new stethoscope as a going away present, Hy changed his mind and decided instead to become a lawyer. He didn't tell his parents until he came home for winter break.

After serving as an intelligence officer during the war, he returned to Ottawa and formed the law firm of Mirsky Soloway with his late partner Jack Mirsky.

From that point on, he never looked back and worked with different configura-



Editor

Barry Fishman

tions of that firm until October 2003.

He was a giant in his field. His intelligence, calm demeanor, curiosity, integrity, stamina, perseverance and dedication to his profession made him a sought-after individual by his peers and members of the community.

"If anything happened [in the Jewish community], his council was sought and his view almost invariably followed," Lawrence recalled.

"Throughout his professional and public life he was a dominant force because of his intellect, his strength of will, his character and his work ethic."

The private man was something else. For Lawrence and his sister Susan, he was "really a quiet, thoughtful, kind fellow, who loved doing things for his kids and giving them things."

His grandchildren held a special place

in his heart and he would light up whenever he saw them. He loved all children. He was, says Lawrence, "the truly gentle soul inside the large and forceful public figure."

He died the way he lived, fighting to the end until he was good and ready.

His marriage to Ruth, his wife of 60 years, was his greatest success.

"They have been an amazing team, each complementing the other perfectly ... It was and is a truly great love and friendship," Lawrence says.

**For Hy Soloway, tikkun olam
(repairing the world)
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the way he lived his life.**

He was a larger-than-life figure. One of his great delights was seeing the younger generation taking over the leadership of our community.

"The greatest tribute that we can give to him," says Rabbi Reuven Bulka, "is that he

leaves a thriving community that is inspired by his advice and his confidence. This Jewish community and the larger community are eternally grateful."

Although we are sad to see him go, Rabbi Bulka noted, like Tisha B'Av "there is that spark of redemption that so many seeds that he planted in the community are sprouting forth."

Hy Soloway's legacy lives on in the many Jewish and general community institutions that he supported over the years, and in his nurturing of the next generation of leaders.

He was from a generation that came to a new world, survived a depression, fought a war and built a society through hard work and good deeds. He was, as Lawrence noted, from the greatest generation.

"I think my father represented the best of that greatest generation."

He will be deeply missed by his family, the Jewish community and the many Jewish institutions he helped run, support and nurture over the years.

For Hy Soloway, *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) was more than just a Talmudic saying. It was the way he lived his life.

With files from the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin.

Is Canada ready to respond to the terrorist threat?

Terror has always been used as a weapon in conflicts, and Canada has been no exception to this rule. Our first domestic act of terrorism happened here in Ottawa, in 1868, when Thomas D'Arcy McGee, a Father of Confederation, was assassinated on Sparks Street. The Fenians, who were fighting for Irish independence, were the main suspects, because McGee was one of their strongest critics, but no conspiracy was ever proven.

The most memorable modern-day domestic terrorist act took place during the October crisis in 1970, when James Cross, the British trade commissioner, and Pierre Laporte, the Quebec labour minister, were kidnapped by the FLQ. Cross was eventually set free, but Laporte's body was found in a car trunk.

The worst act of terrorism in our country's history took place in June, 1985, when 331 people were killed in two explosions caused by bombs that had been loaded onto planes in Canada. One exploded in a Japanese airport, killing two baggage handlers; the other aboard Air India flight 182, killing 329 people.

No, terrorism isn't new to Canada. This has been acknowledged by terrorism experts, and even in some official quarters. Three special Senate committees, convened to look at security and intelligence concerns, concluded that Canada was "perhaps overly complacent" about security and wasn't "effectively grappling with the terrorist threat." One document, the *Kelly Report*,



How I see it

Bob Dale

said that although Canada wasn't a major target for terrorist attacks, Canada is a "venue of opportunity" for terrorist groups: a place where they may raise funds, purchase arms and conduct other activities to support their organizations and their terrorist activities elsewhere. Kelly also said that most of the major international terrorist organizations have a presence in Canada; and that our geographic location makes Canada a favourite conduit for terrorists wishing to enter the US. "the principal target for terrorist attacks world-wide."

Over five years have elapsed since the *Kelly Report* was released, and the number of terrorist incidents has escalated around the world. Are we ready to respond to terrorism? Not according to Tom Kaye, chief of police for the City of Owen Sound and past president of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police. Kaye, who has had anti-terrorist training in Israel, was on the panel at a town hall meeting on global terrorism I attended in Toronto a few months ago. He says that while Canada has taken significant steps to address the terrorist threat, our

preparation against possible terrorist acts is still "woefully inadequate."

Here are some of the things Kaye said at the town hall meeting:

- The entire Canadian army would fit into Toronto's SkyDome. As journalist Andrew Cohen has said, Canada's armed forces are "underfunded, understaffed, and ill-equipped," and can no longer defend the country or advance its interests overseas.

... there is "a huge disconnect" between what the public wants and what governments are willing and able to do to combat terrorism.

- Although the federal government is responsible for national security matters, it hasn't accepted its share of the costs of combatting terrorism. According to Kaye, the feds have downloaded key responsibilities, without needed funding, to provincial governments. Provincial governments have done the same thing to municipal governments.

- Annual budget deliberations make cities and towns weigh policing and security against funding for transit and other needs. Terrorism, says Kaye, is an issue that should flow directly from the federal gov-

ernment, together with funding, and not be left to the trade-offs involved in setting municipal budgets.

- There are inadequate information interchanges between the federal and provincial governments on terrorism. Also, police forces across the country don't even have a system in place to exchange information among themselves about individuals being investigated.

- While anti-smallpox and other vaccines have been hidden by federal officials in secret locations across the country, municipal leaders don't know where they are.

- Police and firefighters have inadequate training in the handling of hazardous material, and don't have the clothing or equipment they need.

- There are some bizarre jurisdictional issues. For example, while the OPP is supposed to take the lead in responding to terrorist actions in Ontario, its 32-member terrorism response squad (a small force as it is) has no legal authority to enter the City of Toronto.

As Kaye says, there is "a huge disconnect" between what the public wants and what governments are willing and able to do to combat terrorism. Changes will only occur, he says, if Canadians get actively involved in lobbying the federal government to take the steps that are needed, and provide the funding that is required.

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Mailbag

Swedish king honours Vera Gara

Recently, I had the immense privilege of attending a ceremony at the home of the Swedish ambassador in Ottawa. At this time, Dr. Vera Parnes, founder and president of the Raoul Wallenberg International Movement for Humanity (RWIMH) and Vera Gara, representative of the RWIMH in Ottawa, were appointed as Members First Class to the Royal Order of the Polar Star, a high honour bestowed by the his majesty, King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden.

In choosing to honour these women, the king is recognizing the work of the RWIMH, and implying that its work is imperative and timely.

RWIMH engages in active and responsible remembrance, and seeks to combat hatred. Because of its efforts, conferences

have been organized, a bulletin has been published, Raoul Wallenberg Day has been declared in Canada, and Wallenberg has become an honorary citizen of Budapest.

However, it was clear in the remarks of the recipients that there is much yet to be done and that the work in itself has always been their primary reward.

Rebecca Clare Dolgoy

Editor's note: A feature on Vera Gara and her work with the RWIMH will appear in the next *Bulletin*.

Letters welcome

Letters to the Editor are welcome if they are brief, signed, timely and of interest to our readership. The *OJB* reserves the right to refuse, edit or condense letters. The *Mailbag* column will be published as space permits.

Pirkei Avot: the wisdom of our sages

Pirkei Avos – 2:15

By Rabbi Zischa Shaps

"Rabbi Eliezer says: Let your fellow's honour be as dear to you as your own."

Prior to this *Mishnah*, Rabbi Eliezer had stated that a "good eye" is the finest quality one could have. One who views the world in a favourable light and does not have envy or hatred will naturally be very considerate of his fellow man.

While the obvious goal of Rabbi Eliezer's statement is to increase our awareness of treating others properly, there is another way of looking at this phrase.

The story is told of R' Shmelke of Nikolsburg who arrived at the town where he was to become the rabbi. Before meeting the people he asked to go into a side

room where he began to talk to himself.

"Welcome honoured rabbi we are pleased to greet you, we are privileged to have such a genius as our rabbi..." Some people who overheard him could not refrain from asking him what he was doing. He explained that he knew he was going to receive a lot of honour and praise so he wanted to prepare himself by showing himself how meaningless these praises were. He explained that he was following the words of the *Mishnah* "let the honour accorded you by your friends be as valuable as your own." Just like giving yourself honour is meaningless, so too, you should not place great importance on the honour you receive from others.



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GREAT NEWS - JNF GRANTED NGO STATUS BY UN

On July 16, Jewish National Fund (Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael) was approved by the United Nations Department of Public Information as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO).

Achieving UN status gives the venerable 103-year-old international environmental organization greater universal recognition and greater prestige in the international arena. In Jerusalem, KKL-JNF World Chairman Yehiel Leket noted, "Our acceptance by other countries into the United Nations legitimizes our award-winning efforts in water, environment and sustainable development."

"The NGO registration gives JNF an entrée into the United Nations and an equal voice among internationally recognized environmental organizations on issues such as sustainable development, forestry, land management and water scarcity," he said.

The approval means that JNF can now sponsor and present workshops at UN conferences around the world, as well as apply to serve on environmental committees. Although registered through its Jerusalem headquarters, all countries in which JNF is active will now have access to the United Nations.

UN status is clearly an indication of the respect JNF has earned in the international community as a result of its work. In September 2003, JNF was sponsored by an existing NGO - the World Council of United Peoples - at the annual NGO Conference. That conference was held during the UN's International Year of Freshwater, and JNF presented its work on water reclamation and how water has helped depressed areas and improved society. JNF scientists discussed solutions to problems of fresh water scarcity, rain and wastewater for agriculture and the development of arid and semi-arid regions, as well as attracting development in depressed areas.

Its new status will allow JNF to present at the Annual OPI/NGO Conference; attend weekly briefings; obtain ground passes to all "open" meetings of UN bodies; gain access to photo, film and audio libraries; be observers at committee meetings; and be listed in the official United Nations NGO Directory.

Jewish National Fund is proud to have attained the approval of the United Nations as a non-governmental organization, and proud that its efforts and accomplishments in sustainable development, forestry, land management and water scarcity are recognized among international environmental organizations.

UN status is an indication of the respect JNF has earned around the world as a result of its work. Your vital contributions not only benefit the quality of life for Israelis but also improve quality of life for other countries in the world's arid regions. Many underdeveloped countries glean knowledge from Israeli experts in the field. Your donation does make a difference.

BAT MITZVAH

Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to Sarah Idit Prizant who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah recently. Her proud parents added a meaningful dimension to the milestone by inscribing their daughter's name in the Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

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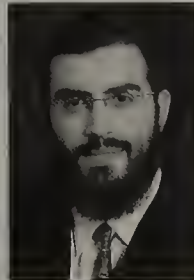
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New chazzan brings unique blend of talents to Beth Shalom West

By Bob Dale

A chance encounter at the age of 23 convinced Binyamin Bar to modify his career plans.



Binyamin Bar

Bar, Congregation Beth Shalom West's newly hired chazzan, was in the midst of rabbinic studies in Brooklyn, New York, when he decided to accompany one of his friends to a well-known voice coach, David Marchese, a former star of the Metropolitan Opera.

Informed by the friend that the Strasburg-born Bar liked to sing and had a "pleasant voice," Marchese asked Bar to sing for him. Bar was initially reluctant to do so, but Marchese was so insistent that Bar figured he'd give it a try. This turned out to be a wise deci-

sion. Marchese was so impressed by what he heard that he took Bar under his wing, spending many hours with him to help develop Bar's musical talents.

Bar still maintains a close personal relationship with Marchese, and has refined his cantorial skills through studying with Cantor Noah Schall of New York, a leading teacher of cantors in North America, and Cantor Arie Subar of Montreal. Bar has also worked with the world-renowned Cantor Moshe Stern of Jerusalem, who regularly makes inquiries about how Bar's career is progressing.

Based on his studies with these people, Bar has been able to develop a unique approach to his work that involves blending traditional chazzanut with popular songs, classical music, and carlebach melodies.

"My goal," says Bar, "is to enhance shabbat and holiday services by encouraging congregants to participate in the service, not only through singing, but also through having a better understanding of what the words in the prayers signify."

Bar, who has worked as a cantor in Canada, the United States, Europe and Israel, takes up his duties at Beth Shalom West soon. He looks forward to meeting members of his synagogue in the coming months, and promises to be a welcome addition to Ottawa's Jewish community.

Congregation Beth Shalom West is a modern Orthodox synagogue located in Craig Henry, in the former City of Nepean. The synagogue is planning a

number of exciting events, beginning this fall, in celebration of its 25th anniversary.

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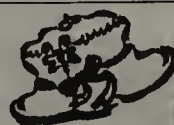
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Enriching the community through song

By Katy Peplinskie

The Ottawa Cantorial Council (OCC) has just been created to promote *chazzanut* in Ottawa.

In Hebrew, *chazzanut* means Jewish liturgical singing. They are prayers chanted by the cantor at synagogue services.

"Ottawa used to be well-known for its *chazzanut*, and we want to put Ottawa back on the map," says Agudath Israel Synagogue's cantor, Shneur Bielak, first vice-president of the OCC.

"But there's so much more to *chazzanut* than just singing," insists Beth Shalom Synagogue's Cantor Daniel Benlolo, president of the OCC. "*Chazzanut* has a way of

touching lives."

Since *chazzanut* is liturgical, it's a method of worship, so it brings its participants closer to God, says Benlolo.

It also helps to increase people's "love of Jewish music, and brings more people into the synagogue, and gets more people involved in adult and youth choirs," he adds.

Another reason to promote *chazzanut* is to give Ottawa's cantors greater exposure to the community, says Bielak.

"We want people to think of us, not just as clergy, but also as friends. We want people to come to us as individuals or as a group with suggestions of ways to help them,"

Bielak adds.

"People should know we're here for counselling, hospital visits, study groups and weddings," says Cantor David Aptowitz, emeritus of Agudath Israel's congregation, and second vice-president of the OCC.

"We also want to show youth that being a cantor is a respectable Jewish profession that offers a fulfilling lifestyle," says Aptowitz, who has been a cantor for over fifty years. "A cantor is imbued in the cycle of Jewish life."

The OCC hopes that community leaders will attend its meetings and offer suggestions for enriching Jewish life in Ottawa. Meeting times have not yet been decided.



Members of the OCC (from left to right): Cantors David Aptowitz, Shneur Bielak, Daniel Benlolo; (missing) Pinchas Levinson and Binyamin Bar.
(Photo: Katy Peplinskie)

JFS program like 'spring time' for those with dementia

By Katy Peplinskie

They appear distracted and disoriented at first, but when Naomi Levitz starts to sing, it's like she is coaxing them from a fog.

*Tumbala, tumbala,
tumbala-laika,
Tumbala-laika,
tumbala-laika ...*

Her voice is high and clear like a sparrow's song.

Soon, the whole group is singing, clapping their hands, and tapping their feet. The room is infused with life.

"Tuesday's [at *V'Hadarta*] are like spring-time," says one white-haired woman in the group.

V'Hadarta, a one-day a week program for the cognitively impaired, is a time to forget about ailments, even if just for a few hours. It is a time for music, dancing,

painting, knitting, cooking, exercising and socializing.

"A true bond of friendship has developed among participants," says Iris Beer, director of services for Jewish Family Services (JFS). "They offer one another hope, understanding and dignity as they grapple with the horrors of dementia."

However, this program may soon be coming to an end.

Though each participant pays \$20 a week, plus an extra \$10 if they need transportation, this amount is not enough to cover the cost of running *V'Hadarta*, which is staffed by a professional program manager, Wendy Birkhan, and a paid assistant, Miriam Rapaport.

JFS has been donating supervision, bookkeeping, secretarial support and materials, and has

covered the differential between revenue and the actual cost of meals and snacks.

Hillel Lodge has donated space in its Carlofsky Room for the seniors' activities.

However, these organizations cannot continue to shoulder the program's expenses alone.

When *V'Hadarta* first began, its organizers hoped the Ministry (Continued on page 11)

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BMC shows Bat Mitzvah more than a party

When you think about growth, doubling is a great achievement, and this can also be said about membership in the Bat Mitzvah Club (BMC). This year, 22 girls from the community joined the club, boosting its membership to 45.

The BMC, a project of the Ottawa Torah Center Chabad, gives girls a chance to meet other Jewish girls their age, to share ideas, friendship and fun, and to cultivate a strong Jewish identity.

The BMC emphasizes that the Bat Mitzvah is more than just a beautiful twelfth birthday party. The club teaches the girls about the importance of the Bat Mitzvah, offering new perspectives on their positions as Jewish women.

The official club-meeting format creates an atmosphere where girls feel special. A



BMC members pack gifts for needy families.

sense of unity and friendship develops between members, as they share interests, goals, and experiences with one another. The BMC exposes them to the positive contributions they can make to themselves, their families, and the Jewish community at large.

It also develops leadership skills, responsibility and independent thought. The BMC involves adolescents in learning about Judaism,

socializing with other Jews, and performing community service, which is the key to Jewish continuity. Some of the art activities this year included making mitzvot, scrap books, beaded mirrors, edible flowers and more.

Registration is now open for the school year of 2004/05. For more information, contact Dina Blum (823-0866).

JFS program for elderly threatened

(Continued from page 10)
of Health and Long Term Care would provide funding for this program via the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON), which is mandated to provide programs for senior citizens in Ottawa.

VON has been supporting JFS's initiative and has applied to the Ministry to

incorporate *V'Hadarta* under its umbrella as a model for cultural/religious programs. The government will not give its answer to its funding need for several months, though.

JFS is seeking donations to continue running its program into the fall.

"*V'Hadarta* is so important," says Rona, the

daughter of one of *V'Hadarta*'s participants who wants her last name to remain confidential. "It gives my mother a reason to get up in the morning. She says it's like being with family."

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Training for faith at summer camp

By David B. Brooks

For Danielle Dugas and Sylvia Greenspoon from Adath Shalom Congregation, life was a bit different from that of the hundreds of other summer campers at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires of Massachusetts.

Living in cabins somewhat segregated from the rest of the campers, Dugas and Greenspoon got up at 6:00 am, helped lead *Shacharit* at 7:00, had breakfast with hundreds of young people at 8:00, took classes on Torah *trap*, *musach* and davening from 9:30 to 11:00, spent time with the other instructors until lunch, hosted guest speakers and took more classes in the afternoon, then had *minchah*, supper and *ma'ariv*, and attended an evening program.

Relaxing? No way! Intense? Very much! What kind of summer holiday was this, anyway?

It was the *Ha-Innan l'E-munah* (training for faith) program, offered by the Conservative Movement for lay leaders in small or isolated congregations, most of which depend on lay leadership for some or all of their religious services. Despite the heavy schedule, Camp Ramah is never, short of participants.



Lay leaders Danielle Dugas (left) and Sylvia Greenspoon of Adath Shalom.

Given that each session has a limit of 25 participants, Adath Shalom was lucky to have two members in attendance.

Both Dugas and Greenspoon came away from their week at Camp Ramah elated and humbled. They were elated by the strong sense of spirituality among participants, and by the leaps in their ability to lead services, chant with appropriate *musach*, and give *divrei* Torah.

Their improved understanding of the philosophy and goals of the Conservative

Movement also elated them.

They were humbled by their meeting with others more experienced. Perhaps even more humbling for Dugas and Greenspoon was their recognition of how much there still is for them to learn. The road ahead is longer than that already travelled.

Adath Shalom, a member-led egalitarian conservative synagogue, will be holding High Holy Day services at the SJCC with Rabbi Miriam Spitzer. For ticket or membership information call 240-4564.

From Israel to Ottawa, with love

By Fay Kranz Greene

Canadians have always sent care packages to Israel, but in a reverse twist, Camp Gan Israel in Ottawa recently received a "care" package from Israel.

Eight Israeli young women from Jerusalem and other cities in Israel arrived

as volunteer counsellors for the girls division of the Chabad-sponsored summer day camp.

Camp Director Devorah Caytak says that this is one gift that is making a daily difference in the lives of the more than 80 campers enrolled in the program.

"The halls of our camp are filled with the sounds of Hebrew conversation, Hebrew songs and Hebrew cheers," she says.

"These counsellors bring a spirited enthusiasm and a lot of love with them. They have enhanced our campers' love for Israel by talking to them about their lives and focusing on the

joy of living in Israel rather than on the terror and sadness the children hear about."

Caytak says the counsellors' caring and concern for their charges extends to their families as well.

After a full day of working in camp, they also find the time in the evenings to visit with their campers at home to meet their families and to get to know them on a different level.

"Our parents are so pleased," says Caytak. "They tell me their children are learning more about Judaism this summer than they learned all year in Hebrew school."

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Police reach out to community

By Jesse T. Friedman

Ottawa's minority communities and the Ottawa Police Service have jointly formed the Community and Police Action Committee (COMPAC), in response to friction between them. It is an advisory body created to bring police and minorities together to deal with cultural and racial issues.

Deputy Chief of Police Larry Hill, COMPAC co-chair, has highlighted several steps taken so far. The police have developed ways of identifying potential suspects that avoid racial profiling, and forms of speech and identification that may be hurtful or offensive to minorities.



Deputy Chief of Police
Larry Hill

In addition, Hill explained, "increasing public awareness of racial and cultural issues has become a focus of COMPAC's activities." One measure meant to raise public awareness is a

community outreach program aimed at recruiting more minorities, including Jews, into the police force. Hill noted that one of the central concerns of COMPAC is to recruit a police service representative of the community.

Carl Nicholson, community co-chair of COMPAC, agreed. He said, "a recent increase in the number of minority groups inside the police force has been a positive step toward ensuring that the priorities of police and minorities coincide."

Hill noted that although religious issues weren't originally part of the COMPAC mandate, they have become an important component over the last few years.

As Rubin Friedman, Jewish community COMPAC representative, pointed out. Jews are often the targets of hate crimes based on religion.

"COMPAC provides a forum for Jews to bring this issue to the attention of police and other communities to find collective ways of dealing with it," Friedman said.

This forum is especially pertinent given the recent spate of anti-Semitic attacks across Canada.

For further information, contact Rubin Friedman (798-4696, ext. 297 or rfriedman@jccottawa.com).



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Ten students graduate from OTTAS

The Ottawa Talmud Torah Afternoon School (OTTAS) recently held its commencement exercises.

Board President Paul Bodnoff presented graduation diplomas to the students and Sheila Tanner presented all the children with Isaac and Rose Goodman and Dr. Joseph Goodman Memorial gifts, in memory of her parents and brother.

The Yael Lefkovich Social Studies award was presented to Ariel Kader.

The Brurya Weinfeld Ivrit Award was presented to Chaya Kerzner.

The Agudath Israel Chu-

mash Award went to Chaim Woznica. The Life Cycle Studies Award and the Holocaust Studies Award also went to Woznica.

The Dr. Henry Loeb Achievement Awards went to Simcha Miron and Essia Wall.

The Roodman Tefillah Awards went to Essia Wall and Chaim Woznica.

The Ann Silver Memorial Achievement Awards went to Ariel Kader and Sara Shore.

The Charlotte and Moe Slack Memorial Scholarship went to Etel Baskin, Avi Itskovich, Yehudah Izso, Simcha Miron, and Essia Wall.

The Chaim and Helen Neuhaus Award went to Simcha Miron.

The Nachson Caspi Creativity Award was presented to Etel Baskin and Essia Wall.



Ottawa Talmud Torah Afternoon School 2004 graduation (from left to right): Morah Shirley Schildkraut, Alexa Wall, Emily Baskin, Jamie Shore, Chloe Kerzner, Leah Vininsky-Oakes, Allison Kader, Daniel Miron, Aaron Woznica, Avi Itskovich, Jeremy Izso, Principal Tal Gilboa.

(Photo: Robert Weitzmann)

The Appel-Prager Awards were presented to Yehudah Izso and Chaim Woznica.

The Witchel Achievement Award went to Yehudah Izso.

The Miriam and Louis Goldstein Award went to Leah Vininsky-Oakes.

The Dobrow Solwan Award went to Avi Itskovich.

Cravetz Award went to Etel Baskin.

The valedictorians, Simcha Miron, Essia Wall, and Chaim Woznica, received plaques.

Akiva holds graduation ceremony

The Akiva Evening High School recently held its closing and graduation celebration at the Jewish Community School Campus.

Charles Garfinkle, Tova Silverman, Pearl Cohen and Lisa Teitelbaum received diplomas.

Valedictorian Tova Silverman expressed appreciation to Akiva's teachers, students and Principal Hillel Taub for the wonderful memories and Jewish education.

Hebrew Awards recipients were Joel Baylin and Charles Garfinkle.

The Holocaust Studies Award went to Naomi Schwartz.

The Hey, What's Happening Award went to Tova Silverman.

The Studies in Politics of Israel and the Middle East Award went to Daniel Harary.

The Studies in Jewish Instrumental Music Awards went to Pearl Cohen and Samara Garfinkle.

Following closing comments by Professor Gerry Cammy, guests were invited to a reception. The Chevrat Akiva band played at the ceremony.



2004 Akiva Evening High School graduates (front row from left to right): Pearl Cohen, Lisa Teitelbaum, Charles Garfinkle and Principal Hillel Taub.; [absent] Tova Silverman.

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Star of David remembers Lou Honigman at graduation ceremony

Star of David Hebrew School recently held its closing and graduation exercises at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue.

In her opening remarks, Principal Hennie Honigman noted that part of the evening would be dedicated to the memory of her late husband Lou Honigman. She spoke of how he was instrumental in striving for excellence at Star of David and the special relationship he had with all the students.

Many students won awards.

The Jennie (Zlata) Halickman Memorial Chumash Awards went to Jeremy Cohen and David Yachnin.

The Perla and Raphael Abtan Awards went to Naomi Niznick and David Bernstein.

The Esther Murray

Memorial Award went to Sarah Mizrahi.

The Avrum and Esther Reiman Memorial Awards went to Aaron Ilacqua and Liora Altman.

The Issie and Shirley Kardish Memorial Awards went to Deborah Baremberg, Elvie Cohen and Faye Norris.

The Harold and Lillian Sholhet Memorial Awards went to Joel Gluss and Adam Stone.

The 2004 Principle Awards went to Jeremy Zribi, Joshua Robitaille, Zoe Davids, Naomi Niznick and Liora Altman.

The Certificate of Merit Awards went to Jeremy Zribi, Keenan Lyon, Jordan Steinberg, Joshua Robitaille, Zachary Davids, Joey Cohen and Joel Gluss.

The Certificates of

Achievement went to Joshua Robitaille, Jacob Ilacqua, Noam Ellis, Zoe Davids, Daniel Zribi, Sebastien Davids and Andrew Hill.

The Readathon Tefillah Certificates went to Sophie Baremberg, Jeremy Zribi, Keenan Lyon, Jordan Steinberg, Deborah Baremberg, Benjamin Hirsch, Aaron Ilacqua, Sarah Mizrahi Joel Gluss and Jorey Cohen.

The Book of Why was presented by Chair Mordecai Bubis to the graduates on behalf of the board.

The Lou Honigman Memorial "MENSCH" Awards, in memory of Lou Honigman, went to Faye Norris and Benjamin Hirsch. David Yachnin and Liora Altman were valedictorians.

The new school year begins September 8. Classes



Star of David graduation 2004 (front row from left to right): teacher Bonnie Lyman, David Yachnin, Evie Cohen, Principal Hennie Honigman; (back row) David Bernsetin, Faye Norris, Liora Altman, teacher Charles Rak; (absent) Joshua Levin.

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The ceremony came a month after the school's 50th anniversary.

Dr. Norman Barwin was there to present the award for the best Grade 7 essay, as was Rhoda Abbey, one of the original "Kitchen Table Five" who founded Ottawa's first non-affiliated Jewish school in 1954.

President of the Board Marlene Rivier and Principal Miriam Lerson-Hameiri conveyed their best wishes to the graduates.

The ceremony ended with a two-song *Shira* rendition by the entire school on stage, much to the delight of the flash popping "paparazzi" of family and friends.

With the establishment



Dr. Norman Barwin presents award to Andrée Rosen for her essay on her great-grandfather, Dr. Charles H. Moses at the OMJS year-end celebration. Her parents Carole Chevretils and Michael Rosen stand next to her.

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AJA 50+ registration day fast approaching

Active Jewish Adults 50+ (AJA 50+) is about to begin its fifth year with a new lineup of fall programs.

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drop-in mah jongg and the Creative Connections program. A joint activity with the SJCC, Creative Connections provides a day of exercise, music and lectures for the older adult.

Members can improve their bridge game by enrolling in intermediate-level bridge classes, learn watercolour techniques, try country western line dance-

ing, take the Canada Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course or enroll in a calligraphy class.

They can also attend the VIP Brunch series, scheduled for Oct. 3, featuring the well-known architect Douglas Cardinal. These are just a few of the opportunities available to members of AJA 50+.

Prospective and renew-

ing members are invited to come to the SJCC on Wed. Sept. 8 between 11 am and 3 pm to register. The annual membership rate is \$25. Registration day activities will include a noon hour women's fashion show featuring AJA 50+ models.

For further information on membership, contact Rhoda Zaitlin (829-2634 or rzaitlin@sympatico.ca).

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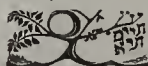
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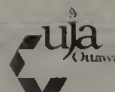
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Our past remembered

Youth fought for community centre

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

The Jewish youth in this community, as in all other Jewish communities on this continent, need a sanctuary, a place where our Jewish soul and body should be fashioned, molded and properly preserved. Then it will be truly realized the words: they will dwell with us, they will belong to us, and they will follow the footsteps of our ancestors. Otherwise our bonds with our future generation become looser and weaker every day.

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— Joel Zagerman

The words ring as true today as they did in 1942 when 14-year-old Joel Zagerman delivered them to a gathering of Jewish communal leaders.

"A.J. Freiman was chairing the first meeting toward a proposed Jewish Community Centre," says Norman Zagerman. "My brother already was a brilliant orator and accomplished debater. That



Norman and Joel Zagerman (right)

evening, he spoke brilliantly on behalf of the Jewish youth of Ottawa. He was very gifted. He had great promise."

Tragically, fate sabotaged that promise when, two years later on August 17, 1944, Joel Zagerman died, his exceptional mind, his golden words stilled forever by a disease that felled him in four days. He was 16 years old.

"Joel got sick on a Sunday

and was dead by Wednesday," says Norman who, on this 60th anniversary of his older brother's death, still feels the loss keenly. "In the summer of '44 he and I were in Elmira, New York for a three-week visit with family. The Thursday after we returned, Joel complained that he wasn't feeling well. He was admitted into hospital on Sunday and by Wednesday he was gone.

"We never knew what hit him," says Norman, incredulous even after six decades. "It was wartime then and there was a tremendous

shortage of doctors. Our family, his friends were devastated."

Joel Wolf Zagerman was born on April 20, 1928, the middle child of Mildred and Morris Zagerman's five offspring: Herbert, Shirley, Joel, Norman, Ruth. "Joel was 17 months older than I," says Norman. "He was a wonderful brother and friend.

"He was truly special. He won many oratorical contests in AZA and he was president of the Breakfast Club. Joel was a brilliant Jewish scholar, a true disciple of the brilliant Rabbi Boruch Kravetz, who came to the house to teach him.

"Rabbi Kravetz and my Dad often discussed politics and the war and Joel always participated in the discussions. He was intensely interested in politics. I remember on VE Day — May 7, 1945 — my Mother said, 'Joel would be so happy today.'

"I think my brother would have become a lawyer or a community professional," says Norman. "But even in his short life, he made his mark in this community. He would be so proud of what we have accomplished."

Mildred and Morris Zagerman donated the library in the JCC, 151 Chapel Street, in memory of their son, Joel Wolf Zagerman. Today the plaque bearing his name holds a place of prominence in the Greenberg Families Library within the Soloway JCC.

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Art exhibit explores circus culture

By Rose Ann Hoffenberg

The National Gallery of Canada is now showcasing *The Great Parade: Portrait of the Artist as Clown*, an exhibition that explores the circus as a locale for artists' expressions, and the clown as a metaphor for the condition of the modern artist.

There are 200 works of various media and ages on display. While many artists like Picasso, Toulouse-Lautrec, Degas, Chagall, Calder and Arbus are shown, the exhibit is certainly not limited to the work of the best-known artists.

For example, German artist Irena Rabinowicz-Ruther's work is featured. Her portrait of *François*, the dwarf from the Sarrasani Circus, reminds viewers that dwarves, once respected members of the family and court, had become part of the 'freak' culture during her time.

Leon Levinstein's photograph of a man applying make-up in a hand-held mirror in preparation for his performance evokes a strong sense of melancholy. Levinstein spent much of his time scouring various neighbourhoods in and around New York in search of

urban subjects that he depicted in a powerful, direct style. Although he was featured in a solo exhibition in 1956, he was largely unknown to critics and the public at the time of his death in 1988.

Lithuanian photographer Israel Bidermanas spent the Second World War hiding from the Nazis. When he returned to Paris in 1945, he was introduced to Surrealist photography, changed his name to Izis, and was attracted to carnivals and circuses. He captured the fatigue and weariness underlying the ostensible joy of the circus parade.

The three photographs of *Grock*, the Swiss clown, capture Grock's journey from the point at which he leaves his dressing-room trailer, suitcase in hand, to the moment before he enters the ring, his back now turned to the photographer, the curtain opened wide to reveal a spotlight shining on him.

Jonathan Borofsky's *The Dancing Clown* at 2,845,325 displays a cross between a ballerina and a hobo clown, posing before a closed curtain on stage.

The work incorporates a muffled

recording of his rendition of Frank Sinatra's "My Way," while the clown kicks his leg up into the air like a French cancan dancer.

George Segal's *Circus Acrobats*, a dramatic installation, features life-sized plaster figures "flying through the air with the greatest of ease," quite the feat considering the weight of the plaster. The figures are captured in a breathtaking midair catch.

There are two facts to think about when you are looking at this work. Humankind has been fascinated with the ability to fly for thousands of years. Remember the Greek mythological figure Icarus who was given wings of feathers and wax so that he could escape from Crete?

The second, it was in the nineteenth century when the French aerial gymnast, Jules Léotard, designed the close-fitting one-piece garment, now known as the leotard.

The *piece de resistance* awaits you at the end of the show but I will let you discover this work for yourself. The *Great Parade* will be at the gallery until September 19.



Jonathan Borofsky (American, 1942-); *Dancing Clown* at 2,845,325, 1982-1983; Mixed media, 147 x 80 x 176 cm; Edward Broida Collection, Courtesy Paula Cooper Gallery, New York.

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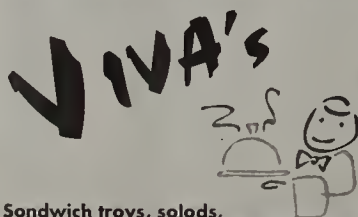
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7 tablespoons (3 1/2 ounces) cold unsalted butter, cut into 6-8 pieces

Stir the sour cream and ice water together and set aside. Place the flour, cornmeal, sugar and salt in the work bowl of a food processor fitted with the metal blade; pulse to combine. Drop the butter pieces into the bowl and pulse 8 to 10 times, or until the mixture is speckled with pieces of butter that vary in size from breadcrumbs to peas. With the machine running, add the sour cream mixture and process just until the dough forms soft moist curds.

Turn the dough out of the food processor and divide it in half. Press each piece of dough into a disk, wrap in plastic, and refrigerate for at least two hours.

The dough can be kept in the fridge for a day or two before rolling into rounds to fill. If you plan to freeze the dough for use at a later date, it is easiest to roll dough into 11 inch rounds (after the initial 2 hour chilling), place parchment between each round, and freeze them wrapped in plastic. This way you'll only need about 20 minutes to defrost a round of dough at room temperature before it can be filled, folded into a galette and baked.

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Galettes make a tasty lunch

A galette is a free-form tart. They can be topped with sweet or savory ingredients and are simple to make.

I will often make several recipes of the galette dough, roll them out into flat discs and then wrap them in plastic

wrap and store in the freezer to use at a moment's notice. They are not as pretty as a pie or tart, but what they lack in beauty they more than make up for in ease of preparation and taste.

Roasted Tomato and Gruyère Galette

Serves 2 for lunch
or 4 for hors d'oeuvres.

I love this recipe with Gruyère cheese, but any hard cheese will work.

1/2 recipe of galette dough, chilled
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
4 ounces grated Gruyère cheese
1 pint grape tomatoes, halved
1 large clove garlic, finely minced
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
8 fresh basil leaves, coarsely chopped

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

Roll out chilled galette dough on a lightly floured surface. This is a very soft dough so you will need to lift it now and then and toss some flour under it and over the top to prevent it from sticking to the table or the rolling pin.

The dough should be rolled into an 11 inch round, about 1/8-inch thick. A perfect circle is not required. Remember these are supposed to look rustic. Roll the dough around your rolling pin and unroll onto the prepared baking sheet.

Spread the round with Dijon mustard, leaving a 2-inch border. Sprinkle grated cheese over the mustard.

Mix halved grape tomatoes with garlic, olive oil and salt and pepper and spread over the cheese.

Now comes the fun part!

Fold the uncovered border of dough up over the filling, allowing the dough to pleat as you lift it up and work your way around the galette. This sounds harder than it actually is, it will pleat naturally.

Bake the galette for 35 to 40 minutes or until the pastry is golden and crisp.

Transfer the baking sheet to a cooling rack and let the galette rest for 10 minutes.

Slide a wide spatula or small rimless baking sheet under the galette and slide it onto the cooling rack. Serve warm or at room temperature, garnished with the fresh basil.

Caramelized Onion Galette

Serves 2 for lunch
or 4 for hors d'oeuvres.

1/2 recipe galette dough, chilled
3 large Vidalia or yellow onions, very thinly sliced
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 teaspoon white sugar
salt and pepper
4 ounces grated Fontina or Monterey Jack cheese

In a large sauté pan, melt butter. Add olive oil and turn heat to medium. Add thinly sliced onions and toss until they are coated with butter and oil. Sprinkle onions with sugar. Turn heat to low and cook onions for about 45 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the onions are a deep golden brown. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

Roll out chilled galette dough on a lightly floured surface. This is a very soft dough so you will need to lift it now and then and toss some flour under it and over the top to prevent it from sticking to the table or the rolling pin.

The dough should be rolled into an 11 inch round, about 1/8-inch thick. A perfect circle is not required. Roll the dough around your rolling pin and unroll onto the prepared baking sheet.

Sprinkle grated cheese on dough, leaving a 2-inch border. Top cheese with onions. Fold the uncovered border of dough up over the filling, allowing the dough to pleat as you lift it up and work your way around the galette.

Bake the galette for 35 to 40 minutes or until the pastry is golden and crisp. Transfer the baking sheet to a cooling rack and let the galette rest for 10 minutes.

Slide a wide spatula or small rimless baking sheet under the galette and slide it onto the cooling rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.



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Precisely because these and other notions of Shabbat are not mutually exclusive, our weekly holiday is truly a unique blessing. If we let it, it has the power to touch each of us.

The Friday Nights of Nana
By Amy Hest
Illustrated by Claire A. Nivola
Candlewick Press 2004
Unpagd Ages 3 - 8

The Friday Nights of Nana is a warm, loving story of how Jennie and her Nana (grandmother) prepare for and celebrate Friday night dinner with the whole family. Jennie is a charming storyteller. Her tale includes all the senses, from the blustery wind in the park to the smell of apple pie, to the snow outside and the warmth inside.

With no school the next day, Jennie sleeps over at Nana's. That unstated but obvious prelude to the story signifies a valued relationship. Now, starting early in the morning, Jennie and Nana begin their work because "The Friday nights of Nana begin early Friday morning ..."

Whether it's making beds, setting the table, cooking, baking or cleaning, Jennie has a specific task to perform. But there is still time for a picnic lunch in the park and a stroll to buy flowers. Finally, it's the very best time. The family arrives. Candies are lit. Shabbat dinner is served.

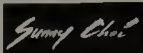
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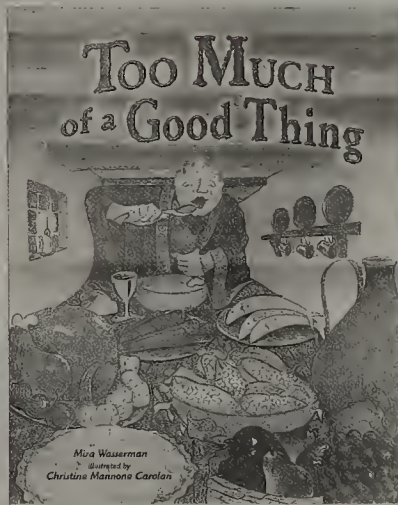
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Too Much of a Good Thing

By Mira Wasserman
Illustrated by Christine Mannone Carolan
Kor-Ben Publishing 2004
Unpagd Ages 3 - 8

Too Much of a Good Thing is based on two accounts (one in the Babylonian Talmud and another in Genesis Rabbah) of a Roman King, Antonius, visiting Rabbi Judah in ancient Israel on Shabbat. Using that as her launch pin, Mira Wasserman creates a humorous story of what happens when a good thing is taken too far.

One Shabbat afternoon King Antonius unexpectedly appears on the doorstep of his friend, Rabbi Judah. Although a meal fit for a King couldn't be prepared on Shabbat, Antonius is amazed at how delicious the rabbi's cold, simple meal tastes.

When Antonius is invited to return for a more sumptuous meal, he expects everything to taste even better. But it doesn't. It lacks a "certain something." That "certain something" is Shabbat, Rabbi Judah tells him, and proceeds to teach the King the laws of Shabbat.

Well, if one day of Shabbat makes everything taste better, in Antonius's mind it stands to reason that making Shabbat last the whole week would be even better. Or would it? Certainly it would be in keeping with Antonius's notion of wanting everything to be "BIG and impressive."

At first, a bigger Shabbat seems wonderful, especially the no work part. But as the weeks of Shabbat continue, more and more hardships befall Antonius and his people. Revolution is in the air as King Antonius hides in his dark, cold bedroom.

Fortunately, Antonius has a clever and caring friend. Yep, Rabbi Judah to the rescue. Can you guess how? The prayers are in Hebrew, English and transliteration.

A delightful story with equally amusing full colour illustrations makes *Too Much of a Good Thing* a child-pleasing winner.



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Seven Blessings

By Ruchama King

St. Martin's Press

Hardcover, 2003 (Softcover due October, 2004)

What makes one a true Jew? Is a strict adherence to the precepts of Torah – "a meticulous observance of the laws, increased prayer" – the measurement of one's Jewishness? And how can one begin to measure faith? And does deep faith affect one's ability to find true love? These are the questions that weigh on the minds of the men and women who inhabit King's book.

The setting is Jerusalem, evoked by the winding streets and Old City courtyards. The characters? There's Beth, gaining on spinsterhood and undergoing "a crisis of faith." She has stopped going to the women's yeshiva she had frequented as a part-time student. "A skepticism had seized her. Verses and sections [of Torah] that had made sense now mystified or even outraged her ... The Hassidic masters said that a person should pray to G-d like a child pestering his mother or father. The forest was the place she pestered G-d – for clarity, for direction, for some Divine attention."



The Book Beat

Kinneret Globerman

There's self-centered Binyamin, a once-lapsed Jew and artist now turned ba'al teshuva, who seeks comfort in his newfound religiosity as he searches for the love of a beautiful woman (for a woman less than beautiful will not do). An American transplant, Benyamin has made the City of Gold his home. "Jerusalem gave significance and glamour to the smallest petty Jewish law, like saying the after-bathroom blessing, or checking eggs for blood spots. Sure, Torah was the Truth and the Right Thing To Do, but keeping the mitzvahs outside of Israel – in New Jersey, for instance – felt like doing laps in a bathtub. As with his art, the setting was everything."

Then there's Tsippi, a Holocaust survivor married to a man who studies Torah daily while she looks after their store and her sideline business of matchmaking. She begins to question her own marriage. "... He was a man of G-d! The secrets of the universe he knew, but what of the secrets of desire? Then she thought: What were the secrets of desire if not the very secrets of the universe?"

There's Naomi, another matchmaker and mother of six. She yearns to study but is insecure about her own intellectual abilities and opinions. And there's Akiva, a student of Torah hoping to find someone to share his life with if that person can overlook his 'condition.'

"When he twitched, masks fell away, people unraveled before his eyes... He was like the ancient high priest, the only person permitted entry into the Holy of Holies section of the Temple on Yom Kippur. Yet he, Akiva, ... got to enter the inner sanctum, the holy of holies of another human being, every day."

Seven Blessings (the title refers to those performed during the marriage ceremony) was a Hadassah National Book Club 2004-5 pick, along with Stollman's *The Illuminated Soul* (reviewed here July 26, 2004) and Ravel's *Ten Thousand Lovers* (reviewed Sept. 29, 2003). King's intention was to write "an honest book" about her Jewish religious community in Israel. "I didn't want to turn my characters into objects

of irony and ridicule," she writes in an *aish.com* article, nor did she want to romanticize that world and deliver "a two-dimensional novel depicting the cozy delights of living in a religious community". King has succeeded on both counts in this very readable debut novel.

Wandering Stars: And Anthology of Jewish Fantasy & Science Fiction
Edited by Jack Dann

(with an introduction by Isaac Asimov)

Jewish Lights Publishing

Softcover/2003 (second printing;

1998 first Jewish Lights Classic Reprint Edition; originally published in 1974)

I know, I know; I was originally skeptical, too. Jewish Sci Fi? But this is a delightful book of stories by well-known authors such as Bernard Malamud, Isaac Asimov and Isaac Bashevis Singer, and lesser known contributors Robert Sheckley, Avram Davidson and Geo. Alec Effinger, to name a few.

The stories are a diverse and mostly humorous lot. There's William Tenn's "On Venus, Have We Got a Rabbi" in which Milchik, the TV repairman, tells a visiting journalist about "the biggest, strangest development in Judaism since Johanan ben Zakai sat down with the Sanhedrin in Jabne and said, 'The meeting will please come to order.'" There's Carol Carr's "Look, You Think You Got Troubles," a tale of parental woe as told by Hector: "My so-called daughter gets married, my own flesh and blood, and not only he doesn't look Jewish, he's not even human." (He's actually a Martian). Robert Silverberg's "The Dybbuk of Mazel Tov IV" tells the funny tale of poor Joseph Avneri whose Jewish soul ends up inhabiting the body of a Kunivar (you'll have to read the story to find out what that is) and who is desperate to be exorcised from the creature. Lots of humour here.

There are also darker tales such as Avram Davidson's "Goslin Day," Pamela Sargent's "Gather Blue Roses," and Bernard Malamud's "The Jewbird."

My favourite is Harlan Ellison's "I'm Looking For Kadak." Full of Yiddish (Ellison provides a "glossary for goyim" at the end of the story), it's a hilarious oftentimes-ribald romp with creatures like the four-eyed apostate who bats her "phony eye-lashes on three of them" at Nevissie, the protagonist. She's one of many Nevissie encounters as he goes looking for Kadak to make up a minyan on a mission that's giving him *shpilkes* and *tsuris* and making him *meshugge*.

Next issue: new fiction by Lillian Nattel.

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Rabbi Popky has served at congregations in Kansas City, San Francisco, Newton Centre, Mass., Lowell, Mass. and, most recently, in Detroit.

He replaces Rabbi Arnold Fine who recently retired after 23 years of service. Rabbi Popky is married to the former Alison Levy. They have two children, Noa, age 3 and Aliza, age 1 1/2.

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Philistines: a dangerous enemy for Israel

In their time (approximately 1200-700 BCE), the Philistines were Israel's most dangerous enemy. Archaeology findings (particularly at Ashdod, and the uncovering of a Philistine temple in the northern suburbs of Tel Aviv) seem to confirm that the Philistines were an offshoot of the Sea People, an early Greek tribe. As the Sea People spread through Crete and Cyprus they acquired metalworking skills, which they jealously guarded. They were equipped with iron weapons and armor, and were organized for permanent war.

The migration of the Sea People ushered in a Dark Age throughout the eastern Mediterranean. Egyptian records talk of invasions by these marauders. The Philistines, one wing of these invaders, established warrior settlements in the Gaza area.

From Samson to David

Divided Israeli tribes faced an organized Philistine warrior class. The chronicles of this period are cast in terms of heroic champions, for example, the story of Samson. The individual hero could set back the Philistines, but was unable to permanently defeat them.

Only at the time of David were necessary changes made to defeat the Philistines. At a time of constant warfare, David fought against them, but also sought refuge in their midst, when King Saul turned against him. He learned at close hand the strengths and weaknesses of the Philistines,



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and how to defeat them. In particular, he taught the people of Israel to use bows and arrows against the armored, and closely packed, Philistine horde (we know from the tradition of the prophet Amos that this became a standing instruction in educating the Israelites).

But the significance of King David goes beyond his military ingenuity. Before David, Saul was unable to unite the tribes of Israel because he still saw himself as a somewhat more powerful tribal leader. David was a "new man," prepared for change, and willing to force change. Unity was accompanied by a religious centralization. David planned the reorganization of ritual around the Temple, to be built in Jerusalem, his new capital. His son, Solomon, carried out these plans.

For David and Solomon, the pursuit of power was justified by national survival. They defeated the Philistines; whose warrior leadership was killed off. However, the emergence of a successful monarchy in ancient Israel, and for a time, a local empire stretching from the Euphrates to the Egyptian borderlands had its costs. Dissent and local tradition was forced underground as Israel rule expanded. David faced frequent civil wars and Solomon had to stretch resources to defend the enlarged state and maintain the grandeur of his rule. After the great kings died, the unified state started to crumble.

Although the imperial phase of ancient Israel was transitory, the memory of David and Solomon remained. The religious revolution, which they began, became stronger. It was the foundation for the development of traditional historic Judaism.

Websites

Philistines: A summary of traditional sources is found in the Wikipedia article: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philistines>

A clear discussion of recent speculation on the origins of the Philistines (particularly the connection with the metallurgically advanced offshoot on Cyprus) is at <http://www.bga.nl/en/articles/filist1.html>

David: The older Jewish Encyclopedia has a very thorough article on the biblical story of David, as well as a review of the material on David in rabbinical literature: <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/view.jsp?artid=82&letter=D&search=Philistines>

A recent encyclopedia article focuses more on the means by which King David created a unified state from the older tribal confederacy: <http://www.pantheon.org/articles/d/david.html>

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 26
Ottawa/Vaad Ha'Ir presents
Farewell Reception in honour
of Israeli Ambassador Haim
Divon and Mrs. Linda Divon,
5:00 to 7:00 pm. RSVP 798-4696
ext. 464.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29
Jewish Singles Israeli Disco
Night, Griffins on Elgin Street,
9:00 pm. Info: Maxine Miska 798-
9818 ext. 263.

CANDLELIGHTING

Aug 27 ☆ 7:31 pm
Sep 3 ☆ 7:18 pm
Sep 10 ☆ 7:05 pm
Sep 17 ☆ 6:51 pm
Sep 24 ☆ 6:52 pm
Oct 1 ☆ 6:24 pm
Oct 8 ☆ 6:11 pm
Oct 15 ☆ 5:59 pm



Chairs of the Interfaith Concert for Peace,
Cantor Daniel Benlolo and Marcia Cantor
present Sue Wilson (center), director of
fund development, Big Sisters Big Brothers
Ottawa with a cheque for \$1800. The profits
from the Interfaith concert helped send chil-
dren to summer camp.



Thanks to the generosity of Fern and Edward E. Cohen, Magen David Adom is soon to have
a new ambulance. The gift was in honour of Edward E. Cohen's 80th birthday.

COMING SOON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Jewish Ottawa Youth presents Teen Karaoke Night,
7:00-9:30 pm, free admission.
Open to all high school students.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
AJA 50+ registration for fall programming, 11:00-3:00 pm.
Info: Rhoda Zaitlin 829-2534 or rzaitlin@sympatico.ca
UJA 2005 Campaign Kickoff with Rabbi Joseph Telushkin,
Securing a Jewish Future for You and Your Children,
7:00 pm. Tickets and info: 798-4696 ext. 248.

Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private.

This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Jewish Community Campus of Ottawa Inc. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by Brenda Schafer, calendar coordinator, at 798-9818 ext. 265. We have voice mail. Accurate details must be provided and all events must be open to the Jewish public. You may fax to 798-9839 or email to bschafer@jccottawa.com.

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Leo Rapoport
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